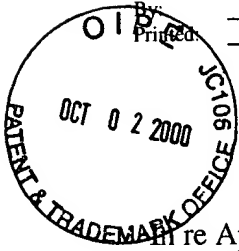


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000 (Office Action), the period of time for response having been extended until September 25, 2000, September 24 being a Sunday, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 25, line 9, please replace "protozan" with -- protozoan --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17, 32, and 33 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended pending claims are also listed below.